Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* If those who are employed in the department have passed the registration tests will the Government be pleased to confirm them in that department alone.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The rule is that the graduates in the registration department possessing the test qualification should be given preference for appointment as District Registrars, 25 per cent of the vacancies has been reserved for them. The remaining vacancies will be filled up by appointing law graduates.

PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM SITARAM MILLS—TRICHUR MUNICIPALITY

142. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Trichur Municipality is purchasing Electricity from the Sitaram Mills, Ltd.;

(*b*) if so, the date from which they commenced;

(*c*) (*i*) the total quantity purchased till the 15th Mithunam 1118;

(*ii*) the price paid till that date;

(*iii*) the cost yet to be paid accrued up to the 15th of Mithunam 1118;

(*d*) the terms of contract;

(*e*) the reasons which necessitated to take this course;

(*f*) whether the Municipality derive any gain in distribution of Electricity;

(*g*) if so, the profit and loss account in their contract with the Sitaram?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 31st Edavam 1118/14th June 1943.

(*c*) (*i*) Usually the meter readings are taken only once a month. The reading on 15th Mithunam 1118 is not available.

(*ii*) Nothing has been paid so far. The cost of 7620 units supplied till 11th Mithunam 1118 is Rs. 476—4—0.

(*iii*) No reply can be given in view of the answer to sub-division (*i*).

(*d*) A copy of the draft agreement approved by the parties is placed on the table.

(*e*) To augment the supply of power to the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Pudukad.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No profit and loss account is maintained in respect of the supply from the Sitaram Mills, Ltd., alone.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the answer to question No. 68 (*e*) of this session do not the Government think that it is below their dignity to approach the Sitaram Mills when they have been very unkind towards them.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know the rate at which the Sitaram Mills supply power?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At the rate of 1 anna per unit.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is the rate at which the Cochin textiles are being supplied with current?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* 11 pies.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the power house at Trichur was found to be insufficient to supply current to the Textiles.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether it was more profitable to buy electricity from the Sitaram than to purchase new machinery.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. All those questions were gone into.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the cost of generating electricity by the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost of generation in the Trichur power house is about 9 pies.

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